

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/099,916

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/12/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-10,12 and 16-20, renumbered as 1-13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 6/13/02, 9/26/02 & 1/17/06 .

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Reza Mollaaghababa (Reg.# 43,810) on November 13, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim:

Claim 5, line 1, "claim 3" has been amended to read as---claim 1---.

Remarks:

2. The above Examiner Amendment was made to change the dependency of claim 5 from cancelled claim 3 to claim 1.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed subject matter in claims 1,5-10,12 and 16-20 is allowable because the prior arts of record fail to teach or fairly suggest the claimed "a method of processing spread spectrum wave forms transmitted by a plurality of users of spread spectrum comprising: distributing among a plurality of logic units a parallel tasks each for computing a portion

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of a matrix indicative of cross correlations among the waveforms transmitted by the users;

partitioning computation of the cross-correlation matrix such that a computational load associated with a task distributed to one of said logic units is substantially equal to computational load associated with another task distributed to another logic unit; and in combination with the claimed steps for executing, generating statistics and generating estimate of the symbols in claims 1,10 and 16."

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The prior arts DE 198 41 578 A1 and EP- 0 982875 A2 cited on the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) received on January 17, 2006 were not signed by the Examiner handling the case, now have been considered and the initialed copy of the IDS is attached with this correspondence.

5. The Information Disclosure Statement received on September 26, 2002 has been considered by the Examiner, attached is the initialed copy of the IDS.

6. The Information Disclosure received on June 13, 2002 has been considered in part. The cited German, European and PCT prior arts listed in the IDS were not submitted and are not readily available to the Examiner.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US patent number 7,046,657 issued to Harrington et al. disclose a receiver having a parallel correlator and US patent number 6,788,736 issued to disclose a correlator for performing a partial cross correlation function..

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

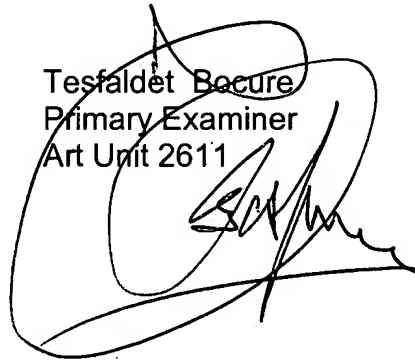
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tesfaldet Bocure whose telephone number is (571) 272-3015. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur (7:30a-5:00p) & Mon.-Fri (7:30a-5:00p).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jayanti (Jay) Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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